

House File 27 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to immigration law enforcement training and the
2 sharing of immigration status information.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING — ENFORCEMENT OF
2 FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW.

3 1. The attorney general is authorized and directed to
4 negotiate the terms of a memorandum of understanding between
5 the state of Iowa and the United States department of
6 justice or the United States department of homeland security
7 concerning the enforcement of federal immigration and custom
8 laws, detention removals, and investigations in the state of
9 Iowa. The agreement shall designate a peace officer from
10 a law enforcement agency in each county to undergo United
11 States immigration and customs enforcement training. The
12 agreement shall provide that costs incurred by the state for
13 training peace officers and the detention and deportation
14 of an unauthorized alien shall be reimbursed by the federal
15 government.

16 2. The memorandum of understanding negotiated pursuant to
17 subsection 1 shall be signed on behalf of this state by the
18 attorney general and the governor or as otherwise required by
19 the appropriate federal agency but shall not be implemented
20 until money is appropriated for such purpose by the general
21 assembly and the federal government.

22 3. A local government shall not enact any ordinance,
23 resolution, or policy that limits or prohibits a law
24 enforcement officer, local officer, or local government
25 employee from communicating or cooperating with federal
26 officials with regard to the immigration status of any person
27 within this state.

28 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a government
29 entity or official within the state of Iowa shall not prohibit,
30 or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from
31 sending to, or receiving from, the United States department
32 of homeland security information regarding the citizenship or
33 immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any person.

34 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
35 or agency shall not prohibit, or in any way restrict, a

1 public employee from doing any of the following with respect
2 to information regarding the immigration status, lawful or
3 unlawful, of any person:

4 a. Sending such information to, or requesting or receiving
5 such information from, the United States department of homeland
6 security.

7 b. Maintaining such information.

8 c. Exchanging such information with any other federal,
9 state, or local government entity.

10	EXPLANATION
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11 This bill authorizes the attorney general to negotiate
12 a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the state with
13 the United States department of justice or the United States
14 department of homeland security concerning the enforcement of
15 federal immigration and custom laws, detention removals, and
16 investigations in the state of Iowa. The bill also provides
17 that the agreement shall designate a peace officer from a law
18 enforcement agency in each county to undergo United States
19 immigration and customs enforcement training. The bill
20 requires that the agreement provide that costs incurred by the
21 state in training peace officers and detaining and deporting
22 an unauthorized alien must be reimbursed by the federal
23 government.

24 The bill further provides that a person, including the state
25 and any local government, shall not restrict a public employee
26 from communicating or cooperating with federal officials with
27 regard to the immigration status of any person within this
28 state.